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# "Slight-of-Hand" Tactics:

An open letter to Harold V. Hunter, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration:

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I am writing to express my concern about the position you and your agency have taken in recent weeks regarding the proposed phase-out of the mechanism that provides federal financing for America's rural electric cooperatives.

I've read what you told a House Agriculture Subcommittee about this proposal and I've seen some of the related materials that your agency has distributed to members of Congress and to news media across the country.

As a result, I'm puzzled, disappointed and yes, even a bit angry.

I'm puzzled by your claim that the

Rural Electrification Administration "has not been of significant help whatsoever to rural America" in recent years.

If you honestly believe that, I have to wonder if you've been away from your rural roots in Oklahoma for too long.

Some of the farmers and ranchers there would undoubtedly echo the comments I hear from some of their North Carolina counterparts.

Many of these farmers—whether they're Sooners or Tar Heels—are barely hanging on financially. Without the REA loan program, the co-ops serving such farmers would have seen their costs go up substantially. As a result, those farmers—and their fellow co-op members—would have been

paying higher power bills.

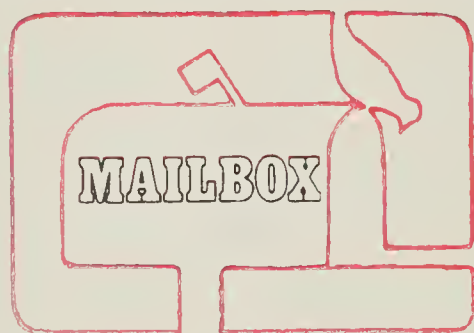
In that sense, REA has helped to reduce the financial burdens of these farmers and others who're suffering because of the current economic crisis in farming.

Don't you think that has helped rural America?

I'm disappointed by your insistence that REA's "mission has been accomplished."

Your point here is clear enough: it's time to let the millions of rural Americans who are member-owners of the electric co-ops fend for themselves to finance growth—without government assistance of any kind.

If that's the course we take, what would the future hold for all those families and businesses throughout



## Magazine: "A Real Joy"

Your monthly magazine is a real joy—my whole family enjoys reading it.

Eunice Pittman  
Norfolk, VA

## Now Hear This

I would like to use your magazine again to contact some of my former shipmates for a reunion.

Our reunion: U.S.S. CARD—C.V.E. 11 and V.C. 1-9-12-55; Sept. 11-13, 1986. Anyone who's interested should write me at the address below.

Joe Macchia  
Rt. 3, Box 3315  
Melrose, FL 32666

## Cover Painting Stirs Interest

On receiving the February edition of *Carolina Country*, I looked at the cover and thought, "How sweet." Then I looked again! I've wondered how many saw the full picture and what their reactions were. Is there any way I can get a copy, print or whatever for framing?

Eve L. Thomas  
Hamilton

For information about prints of the painting or other works by the artist, write to Dianne T. Rodwell at Rt. 1, Box 146-O, Warrenton, NC 27589.

## Gravestone Art Article: "Informative And Helpful"

I'd like to take this time to say thank you. The January issue article on gravestone art was most informative and helpful. My wife passed away in January and your article answered questions that I had about the meanings of the different designs. Thanks again.

Herbert A. Bethel  
Newport

## Feature "Delighted" Her

Thank you for your interest in questions about symbolism in tombstone art and research which you did on the subject.



When you published the feature article on this in the January issue of *Carolina Country*, I was delighted and showed it to several people who were interested in the information.

Mrs. Fred Allen  
Liberty

An inquiry from Mrs. Allen inspired the research that led to our use of the feature.

## Enjoyed "Interesting Articles"

I had the opportunity to read my friend's copy of your magazine. I enjoyed it very much. It has a lot of interesting articles. I would like to receive it every month.

Barbara Heath  
Greenville

# A Betrayal Of Trust

the land who're served by these co-ops?

Will their power bills be allowed to rise with no regard for the price of electricity flowing from neighboring utilities—which, in most cases, already have lower rates? Will co-op members be forced to pay a costly premium for the privilege of being part of the nation's rural heartland?

In addition, wouldn't this course unfairly discriminate against the cooperatives, since they would then be the only element of the nation's electric power industry that receives no government aid?

The investor-owned power companies now enjoy government assistance in the form of substantial tax breaks and federally-sanctioned "creative accounting" procedures.

The accounting tactics can be illustrated by this example: In 1984, 125 U.S. utilities collected from their customers \$10.6 billion for federal income taxes. But they actually paid the government only \$3.5 billion and kept the extra \$7.4 billion interest free.

Also, the municipally owned power systems get aid through grants from the federal government and tax-exempt bonds.

Yet, you maintain that aid for the co-ops must be discontinued, as if it

were somehow more burdensome than any other. If cuts in these programs are needed, shouldn't they be made even-handedly across the board?

Finally, I'm angry—not because you've taken a position I oppose, for you've done that frequently during your tenure in Washington.

No, I'm angry because you support this latest stance with a "stacked deck" of a study that was prepared by a tax-supported agency solely to strengthen your argument.

You say REA should be dismantled because the program now serves areas with population densities that are too high to be considered rural. I could quarrel with your definition of rural, but I'm far more concerned about the suggestion that these non-profit cooperatives shouldn't be allowed to serve subdivisions and other high-density developments as a balance against their more sparsely-settled territories.

They took the risk involved in stringing those first power lines down country lanes for a handful of families half a century ago; why shouldn't they be allowed to share in the nation's 1980's prosperity and growth when the opportunity arises?

What's most disturbing to me is your use of the biased study I mentioned.

Since I work for North Carolina's electric co-ops, I can see how misleading its figures are.

When it shows that Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, based in Lenoir, has 19 consumers per mile of line, I know something's amiss.

That figure may apply to isolated expansion projects, but not to the EMC's total service area—as the study would have us believe.

Records compiled by your agency show that this co-op has only 7.8 consumers per mile of line while the average for all North Carolina co-ops is 7.5 consumers per mile. By comparison, the investor-owned utilities average 31 consumers per mile and the municipal systems average 60 per mile.

All this statistical slight-of-hand has no place in the philosophical debate over the proper role of the government in the rural electric program.

By using it, I believe you have needlessly confused that debate in the halls of Congress and betrayed the trust of the American people.

Sincerely,  
Owen Bishop  
Editor  
Carolina Country

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# 36 EMC Directors Recognized

Directors of three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been recognized for 45 years of service to the state's rural electrification program.

*For additional coverage of the 1986 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's statewide EMC organization, see page 10.*

They are R. L. Seaford of Rt. 3, Mocksville, a director of Crescent EMC, Statesville, Joe Pendry of Rt. 1, Boonville, a director of Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson and Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, a director of South River EMC, Dunn.

Seaford and Pendry both serve as secretary of the Board of Directors at their EMCs, while Butler is president of the board at South River EMC.

The three men were among 36 EMC directors from across the state

who were honored for their years of service to the rural electric program during ceremonies at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization in Raleigh.

The directors received "meritorious service" plaques citing them for their contributions to the co-op program.

Other honored directors, listed by EMCs, were:

**Albemarle, Hertford**—John N. Bunch Jr. of Rt. 2, Edenton, 15 years.

**Blue Ridge, Lenoir**—Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson and Charles R. Edwards of Rt. 1, West Jefferson, both for 20 years.

**Cape Hatteras**—Asa H. Gray of Waves, 15 years and Evan G. Williams of Avon, 20 years.

**Carteret-Craven, Morehead City**—R. W. Jones of Rt. 1, Newport, 35 years, David M. Chadwick of Rt. 2,

Beaufort, 25 years and John D. Young of Stella, 15 years.

**Crescent, Statesville**—Henry Gabriel of Rt. 1, Sherrills Ford, 20 years, Paul H. Stroud of Rt. 1, Mocksville, 20 years and Shirley Johnson of Rt. 14, Statesville, 30 years.

**Davidson, Lexington**—Jack J. Myers of Rt. 15, Mocksville, 15 years.

**Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro**—W. Kitchin Benson of Battleboro, 25 years.

**Four County, Burgaw**—Iva W. Brinson of Rt. 1, Magnolia, James Hollingsworth of Rt. 1, Willard and W. A. Settlemyer of Rt. 1, Riegelwood, all for 15 years.

**Halifax, Enfield**—A. C. Cox Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield, 35 years.

**Haywood, Waynesville**—Massie Osborne of Rt. 2, Clyde, 15 years.

**Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville**—Archie Horne of Rt. 2, Beulaville, 20 years and Marvin H. Manning of Rt. 3, Richlands, 15 years.

**Randolph, Asheboro**—James H. Garner of Rt. 2, Robbins, 20 years, Dolan G. Surratt of Rt. 3, Denton, 25 years and T. Harold Terry of Rt. 1, Siler City, 30 years.

**Roanoke, Rich Square**—Elton L. Trotman of Rt. 1, Hobbsville, 15 years.

**Rutherford, Forest City**—W. L. Plonk of Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, 20 years and Fred D. Mintz, Sr. of Rt. 1, Lawndale, 40 years.

**South River, Dunn**—Charles Collier of Rt. 1, Linden, 20 years.

**Surry-Yadkin, Dobson**—Ralph W. Beane of Rt. 1, State Road, 35 years and Paul Cornelius of Rt. 2, East Bend, 15 years.

**Tideland, Pantego**—Malvin Respass of Rt. 2, Pantego, 20 years and W. B. Smithwick of Rt. 1, Blount Creek, 15 years.

**Tri-County, Dudley**—Howard A. Hardy of Rt. 4, Kinston, 30 years.

**Union, Monroe**—J. Grant Dunca of Rt. 1, Indian Trail, 15 years.

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## Nine Co-op Managers Awarded Career Honors

Managers of nine North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been honored for their career service to rural electrification.

The co-op employees were awarded "meritorious service" plaques during ceremonies at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization. Listed by EMCs, they were:

**Albemarle, Hertford**—Dorris B. White of Hertford, 40 years. She has been manager for the past three years.

**Brunswick, Shallotte**—David J. Batten of Rt. 3, Supply, 15 years. He has been general manager since 1981.

**Davidson, Lexington**—H. Wayne Wilkins of Lexington, 15 years. He was named manager in 1982.

**Harkers Island**—E. Travis Davis of Newport. He was named manager in 1977.

**Haywood, Waynesville**—John W. Browning of Waynesville, 20 years. He joined the co-op as executive vice president in 1974.

**Pee Dee, Wadesboro**—Emmett S. Patterson of Wadesboro, 25 years. He has been manager since 1981.

**Roanoke, Rich Square**—Eugene W. Brown of Rich Square, 15 years. He has been manager since 1981.

**Tri-County, Dudley**—Robert S. Holmes of Goldsboro, 35 years. He has been manager since 1950.

**Union, Monroe**—Philip L. Wally of Monroe, 25 years. He joined the co-op as manager in 1978.



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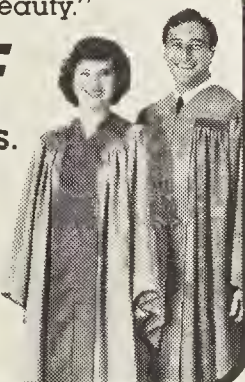
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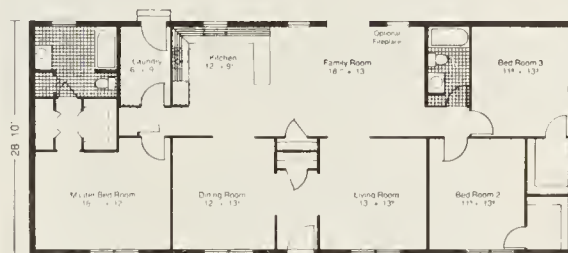
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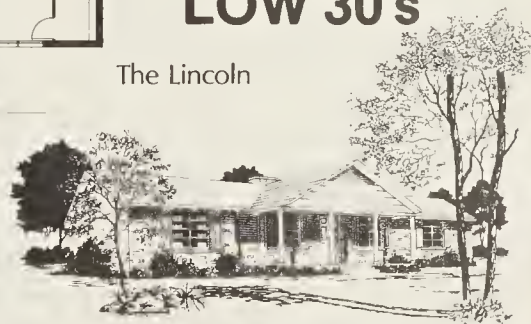
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The 68-page booklet covers gold mining, mountain climbing, skiing, hiking and camping.

For a copy of the publication, write to the Division of Travel and Tourism, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27611. Ask for *North Carolina Camping and Outdoors Directory*.

## Beaufort Homes Tour Set For June 27-28

The 1986 Old Homes Tour in Beaufort, featuring tours of private homes, gardens, churches and the Restoration Complex, is scheduled for June 27-28.

The two-day event will also include an antique show, guided tours of the Old Burying Grounds, an herb sale and encamped Revolutionary War militia groups.

In addition, the Carteret Corale group will perform at 5 p.m. June 28 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

For more information about the events, write or call the Beaufort Historical Association, P. O. Box 1709, Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: (919) 728-5525.

## Tar Heel State Games To Feature 25 Sports

Registration is now open for amateur athletes to enter the 1986 Tar Heel State Games, which are scheduled for June 14-15 in Charlotte.

About 4,000 competitors are expected to participate in the 25 different sports that will be featured during the games.

Entry forms for the various events may be ordered from Tar Heel State Games, 6311 Carmel Road, Box 2087, Charlotte, NC 28211.

The sports are: archery, basketball, cycling, diving, equestrian, fencing,



gymnastics, handball, ice skating, karate, polo, powerlifting and racquetball.

Also: roller skating, rugby, sailing, shooting, softball, swimming, Indian stickball (exhibition), tennis, track and field, tug-a-war, volleyball and wrestling.

## Elizabeth City Schedules Riverspree For May 23-25

The *Elizabeth II*, the replica of a 16th Century sailing ship that's usually docked at Manteo, is scheduled to make a stop along the waterfront in Elizabeth City during the city's fifth annual Riverspree festival, May 23-25.

The event will feature four separate stage areas, offering entertainment by the Hollanders, De Gut Bucket Blues Band, the Wrangler Country Music Showdown and Grand Ole Opry stars Helen Cornelius and Bobby McLamb.

Additional entertainment will be provided at the James Adams Floating Theater, a replica of a showboat that once traveled the rivers of Northeastern North Carolina.

The festival will also include an appearance by Sinbad the Pirate and his crew on a 33-foot brigantine, the *Mika II*, a Fantasy Water Ski Show and an "anything-that'll-float-but-a-boat race."

For more information, write or call the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 426, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. Phone: (919) 335-4365.

## Home Folks

**Dr. Brian L. Matthews** of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem has received a Clinical Investigator Development Award from the National Institutes of Health. An instructor in surgery, Dr. Matthews is one of only three ear, nose and throat doctors in the nation to receive such an award this year . . . . . **Carey Stokes Fendley**, executive director of the North

Carolina Association for Retarded Citizens, is one of 53 recipients of 1986 Volunteer Achievement Awards presented by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Developmental Disabilities . . . . .

**Bobbie Rowland** of Gastonia, faculty member at UNC-Charlotte, has been named the first recipient of the Volunteer Service to Children award presented by the N. C. Child Advocacy Institute. **State Sen. Charles W. Hipps** of Waynesville and **State Rep. Ruth M. Easterling** of Charlotte received special awards from the institute for their work on child advocacy legislation . . . . .

**Donna A. Oliver**, a Burlington high school biology teacher, has been named North Carolina's Teacher of the Year for 1986-87. She was selected for the honor by *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Good Housekeeping* magazine and the Council of Chief State School Officers . . . . . **Carolyn I. Thornton** of Durham has been cited as Social Worker of the Year by the N. C. chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The group also named **Richard Steeves** of Shelby as Citizen of the Year.

## Four Inducted Into N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame

Four journalists with North Carolina ties have been inducted into the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Journalism.

The 1986 inductees were Kays Gary, *Charlotte Observer* reporter and columnist; J. D. Fitz, former publisher of the *Morganton News Herald* and the *Valdese News*; Wallace Carroll,



former editor and publisher of the *Winston-Salem Journal* and *Sentinel* and the late W. J. Cash, who served as associate editor of *The Charlotte News*.

Gary, who began his career as a sports editor and columnist for the *Shelby Daily Star* in 1945, joined the Charlotte newspaper in 1952.

Fitz, who worked for various North Carolina newspapers for 53 years, became publisher of the Morganton and Valdese papers in 1960.

Carroll was with the Winston-Salem papers from 1949 to 1955 and from 1963 to 1973.

Cash, who grew up near Shelby, wrote *The Mind of The South*, a milestone book that analyzed the region and its people.

## ECU Offering A New Foodservice Program

The East Carolina University School of Home Economics is currently offering instruction in a new Foodservice Administration program with a business minor.

The program is offered as part of the school's Department of Food, Nutrition and Institution Management, according to Dr. Kathryn Kolasa, who heads the department.

Other options offered by the department are an undergraduate program in dietetics and a food, nutrition and institution management dietetics option, Dr. Kolasa said.

For additional information about these programs, write to Dr. Kolasa at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834.

## Cover: Springtime Scene At Elizabethan Gardens

Professional nature photographer Jim Clark of Bahama caught the vivid colors of this springtime scene on film near the Gate House of the Elizabethan Gardens on Roanoke Island.

## 16 Get New Terms On 5 EMC Boards

Sixteen incumbents were re-elected to the Boards of Directors of five North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op Annual Meetings:

**Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro**—Re-elected were John R. Grimes of Rt. 1, Battleboro; Billy Trevathan of Rt. 1, Tarboro and Marshall D. Wilson of Rt. 1, Robersonville.

**Wake EMC, Wake Forest**—Re-elected were John Ferrell of Rt. 5, Durham; Robert Joe Eddins of Rt. 3, Zebulon and C. Earl Smith of Rt. 5, Oxford.

**South River EMC, Dunn**—Re-elected were Carlton Martin of Rt. 1, Godwin; Mrs. Eloise M. Talley of Rt. 1, Fayetteville; and Peter J. Baker of

Rt. 1, Hope Mills.

**Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville**—Re-elected were Douglas Parker of Hubert; Marvin H. Manning of Rt. 3, Richlands and Clifton D. Taylor of Rt. 5, Kinston.

**Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough**—Re-elected were C. Franklin Murphy of Rt. 3, Mebane; H. T. Gillis of Rt. 2, Roxboro and Alvin H. Hawkins of Rt. 1, Hurdle Mills.

## State Ranks 50th In U. S. Tax Disbursements

North Carolina ranked at the bottom of the list of states in terms of federal tax dollars disbursed per capita during fiscal year 1985, according to a study by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

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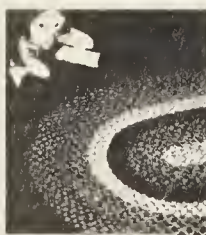
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The state's per capita share was \$2,399—compared with the high of \$4,858 in Alaska.

Nationally, the disbursements amounted to \$3,253 for each person in the U. S.

A total of \$788.5 billion were disbursed, with California taking the largest chunk—\$98.7 billion.

The study showed that government spent \$349 billion in direct payments to individuals in such programs as Social Security, Medicare and food stamps, \$194.1 billion in Pentagon contracts, \$115.5 billion for federal employee salaries, wages and benefits, \$105.5 billion in grants to state and local governments and \$24.5 billion in other spending such as research grants and agricultural subsidies.

## Alternative Farming Field Day Scheduled

North Carolina's first Alternative Farming Field Day has been slated for June 24-26 at Raleigh's McKimmon Center to review



alternative agricultural methods that can cut production costs while also preserving soil, water and biological resources.

The event will feature panel discussions, workshops, exhibits, a banquet and tours of research sites and farms where alternative methods are being used.

Sponsors of the program are N. C. State University, the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, the Rural Advancement Fund and the Agricultural Marketing Project.

Keynote speaker for the banquet will be Dick Thompson of Boone, IA, a farmer who has developed various alternative farming methods.

For more information, write or call Dr. R. H. Miller, Department of Soil Science, Box 7619, NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7619. Phone: (919) 737-2655.

## Folk Art Center Slates Festival

"Celebrate Folk Art In Appalachia" will be the theme of a festival featuring handicrafts demonstrations, cere-

monies and a concert on May 28 at the Folk Art Center near Asheville.

Craftsmen from four Appalachian states will present demonstrations during the event.

The Folk Art Center is at Milepost 382 on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

For more information about the festival, write or call the Southern Handicraft Guild at P. O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28815. Phone: (704) 298-7928.

## Summer Reading Program To Focus On American People And Their Heritage

North Carolina youngsters will get a glimpse of their ancestors, their heritage and their neighbors at work and play as part of the seventh annual statewide summer reading program.

"We, the People"—referring to all American people—will be the focus of the reading program at public and school libraries across the state.

Gov. James Martin and State School Superintendent Dr. A. Craig Phillips have endorsed the State Library-sponsored program, which will involve thousands of children in the fun of reading about Americans—their past, present and future.

The summer reading program in each library introduces children to books and stimulates their reading with films, puppet shows, music, crafts, contests, story hours and other activities.

The theme "We, the People" lends itself to programs of almost any kind, according to Diana Young, State Library consultant for children's services and coordinator of the program.

The program is timed to coincide with the nation's 100th anniversary celebration of the Statue of Liberty. Among subjects to be included in the 1986 program are the country's founding fathers, pioneers, immigrants and heroes and heroines. The program also focuses on these Americans as they excel in such areas as music, history and geography, science and technology, art and literature or crafts.

Nellie Hayes of New Bern High School designed the colorful red, white and blue program materials.

The State Library provides the materials to local public libraries and to school libraries through public libraries. Children participating will receive a reading record, certificate, bookmark, stickers and activity sheets. Each child completing local requirements will receive a certificate signed by Gov. Martin.

The summer reading program is designed for flexibility by a committee of public librarians from across the state so local librarians may tailor the program toward local needs, Ms. Young said.

For details, contact the State Library at 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, 27611 or telephone 919-733-2570.





## Will Carry \$25,000 Grants

# Awards To Recognize Grassroots Leadership

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has established a new awards program to recognize individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership at the grassroots level.

Up to three awards will be presented annually, with each recipient receiving a grant of \$25,000. Of that amount, \$20,000 would go to a charitable organization chosen by the recipient.

Only North Carolina residents are eligible for the awards, according to Smith Bagley, president of the foundation.

He said the awards will be named in memory of his late mother, Nancy Susan Reynolds, one of the founders of the foundation. A Winston-Salem native who lived most of her life in Greenwich, CT, she was the daughter of R. J. Reynolds and Katharine Smith Reynolds.

Mrs. Reynolds, who died last year, maintained many ties with her native state, often giving generously to Tar Heel charitable causes. She played a major role in the establishment of the North Carolina Fund, an effort to deal with the root causes of poverty in the state.

Bagley pointed out that the new

awards will be presented in three categories:

- Advocacy—for advocacy on behalf of people, issues or concerns that otherwise may be without effective voices.

- Community Change—for individuals whose efforts have brought about significant change to a community or region of the state and whose work has produced an effective model for significant statewide change.

- Personal Service—for people helping other people, such as by helping to alleviate the conditions of some less favored group.

Bagley said the first of the awards will be presented at the foundation's 50th anniversary dinner in November.

The foundation was formed in 1936 in memory of Mrs. Reynolds' brother.

From its headquarters in Winston-Salem, the foundation has distributed grants totalling \$127 million, involving non-profit organizations in all of the state's 100 counties.

The deadline for nominations for the awards is July 1, 1986. Winners will be selected by the foundation's State Advisory Panel.

Nominations may be made by anyone except the nominee, Bagley said.

For nomination forms, write to Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, 101 Reynold Village, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

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## Elderhostel Enters 10th Year In North Carolina

Elderhostel, a non-profit educational program for adults 60 and older, is entering its 11th year of national operation and its 10th year in North Carolina.

Several institutions throughout the state, from the mountains to the coast, will participate this year. Each school will provide 21 weeks of summer study.

Elderhostel gives participants an opportunity to take up to three non-credit courses for one week. Students live on campus and have access to the cultural and recreational facilities there.

The program charge of \$205 per week includes accommodations for six nights, all meals, five days of classes, extracurricular activities and registration.

Participating institutions include Appalachian State University, Campbell University, John C. Campbell Folk School, High Point College, Lees-McRae College, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Wilmington, Warren Wilson College, Western Carolina University and Wingate College.

To register for any of these courses, call the Elderhostel national office in Boston at (617) 426-8056 or consult a catalog, available in local libraries. A listing of North Carolina Elderhostel institutions and courses is available from the Division of Extension and Continuing Education, Abernethy Hall 002A, UNC, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.

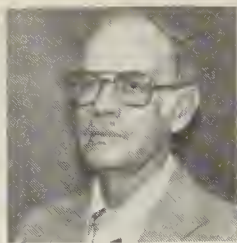




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# 14 EMC Officials Take Statewide Posts

Five managers and four directors from Electric Membership Corporations across North Carolina have been elected to top leadership posts in the statewide organization of EMCs.

The officials will serve as officers of the statewide organization's three corporations: N. C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C. AEC), N.C. Electric Membership Corporation (N.C. EMC) and Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA).

*For additional coverage of the 1986 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's statewide EMC organization, see page 4.*

N.C. AEC is the general trade association for the state's 28 electric cooperatives, while N.C. EMC is the generating and transmission power supply arm. TEMA is a central purchasing and materials supply operation serving the EMCs.

The officers, who were elected during the 1986 Annual Meeting of the EMC organization in Raleigh, are:

**N.C. AEC:** President—R. W. Blanchard Jr. of Rt. 1, Turkey,

president of the board of Four County EMC, Burgaw; Vice President—Dorris White, manager of

## Political Action Group's Slate Is Re-elected

The manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, has been re-elected chairman of the North Carolina rural electric program's political action organization.

Ronnie Hunt heads the slate of officers for the Rural Electric Action Program, which is composed of directors and employees of the state's 28 EMCs.

Also re-elected were Richard Shepherd of Rt. 2, Lansing, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, vice chairman and Clifton Taylor of Rt. 5, Kinston, a director of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, secretary.

James Lee Burney, manager of public affairs for the statewide EMC organization, was re-elected treasurer.

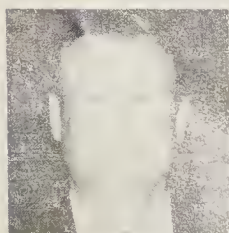
Albemarle EMC, Hertford; Secretary-Treasurer—Emmit P. Wood of Scaly Mountain, president of the board of Haywood EMC, Waynesville.

**N.C. EMC:** President—Wayne Keller, manager of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Vice President—Ronnie Hunt, manager of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs; Secretary-Treasurer—Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square.

**TEMA:** President—Richard H. Johnson of Rt. 4, Wadesboro, a director of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro; Vice President—Thomas Cockerham of Jefferson, a director of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir; Secretary-Treasurer—James E. Mangum, manager of Wake EMC, Wake Forest.

In addition, Johnson was also elected to a new three-year term on TEMA's nine-member Board of Directors.

Also elected to that board were Gary A. Whitener, manager of Rutherford EMC, Forest City and Eugene Clayborne, manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City.



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## Co-ops Pledge Support

# "Immediate Steps" Needed To Help Farmers

North Carolina's statewide organization of electric cooperatives is calling on federal and state authorities to "take immediate steps to alleviate the current pressures on American farmers."

In a resolution adopted at the organization's 1986 Annual Meeting in Raleigh, the group pointed out that the U. S. farmers are due "the understanding, support and gratitude of every consumer for giving their time, talents and energy to provide the nation and much of the rest of the world an abundance of food and fiber."

The resolution noted that many farmers—who often do not receive an adequate return for their labor and capital—will elect to leave the farm to seek "less demanding and less stressful livelihoods."

It continued:

"Many of these farmers and their families have experienced severe hardships as a consequence of the policies and actions of the federal government in its influence or control of agricultural production, marketing and commodity prices."

Noting that state and national

efforts must be pooled to help farmers stay on the farm when they have the ability, desire and resources to do so, the statement also called for "compassionate aid" programs to help those "who are forced to find a new way of life."

As part of the resolution, the co-ops pledged "their best efforts to offer leadership, support and assistance with local, state and national efforts to improve the economic climate for the nation's farmers and rural citizens generally."

## On National Board

# McDuffie Gets New Term

The manager of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro, has been elected to a second term as North Carolina's representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

He is Bob L. McDuffie, a 25-year veteran employee of Randolph EMC.

The national organization, which is based in Washington, D.C. represents about 1,000 electric co-ops across the country.

McDuffie, who has been Randolph EMC's manager since 1977, is a former president of the statewide EMC organization and currently serves on the boards of all three of its corporations.



## EMCs Get Safety Accreditations

Seven North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been recognized for their outstanding employee safety programs.

All seven have qualified for re-accreditation certificates for the programs by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Washington, DC.

Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, received its seventh accreditation certificate, while Haywood EMC, Waynesville, was awarded its fifth.

Tideland EMC, Pantego and Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, each received its fourth certificate.

Halifax EMC, Enfield and Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, each received its third certificate.

Rutherford EMC, Forest City, received its second certificate.

The EMCs were cited for these achievements in employee safety during the 1986 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization.

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## Co-ops Supporting Fund-Raising Project

Electric cooperatives across the country are helping to sponsor the "Hands Across America" fund-raising project, which expects to form a human chain May 25 from Los Angeles to New York City.

The event, which is scheduled for 3 p.m. EDT, is an effort by U. S. A. for Africa to raise up to \$100 million for the homeless and hungry in the U. S.

Each person who stands in the hand-holding line must donate a minimum of \$10 to the project.

About half the 4,000-mile line will pass through or next to areas served by 54 electric co-ops in Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana,



Kentucky, New Mexico, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas.

The co-ops are involved in the project through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which is headquartered in

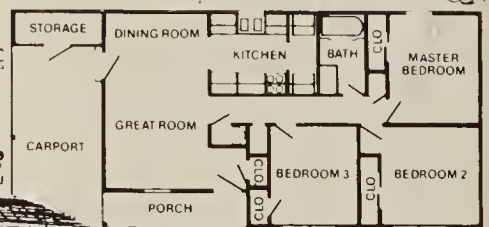
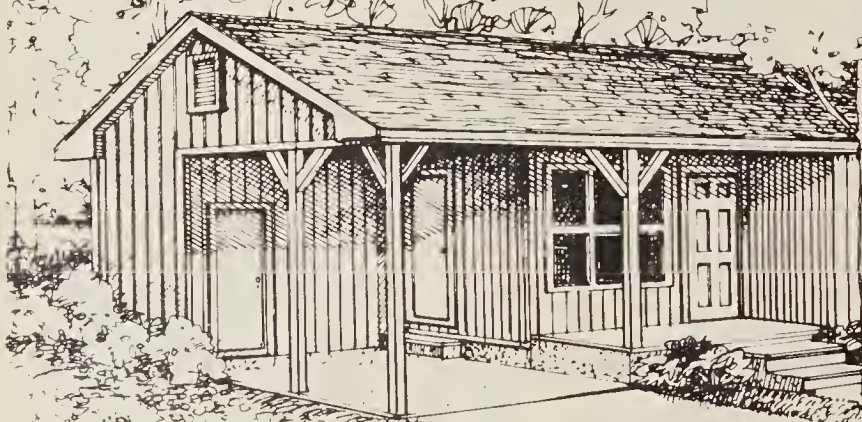
Washington.

The co-ops' participation in the effort reflects their involvement in their communities, said Charlotte Wilmer, a legislative representative at NRECA who is serving as the association's coordinator for the project.

She said the co-ops "want to be involved in activities that help their communities and they recognize there are problems with the hungry and homeless in rural America."

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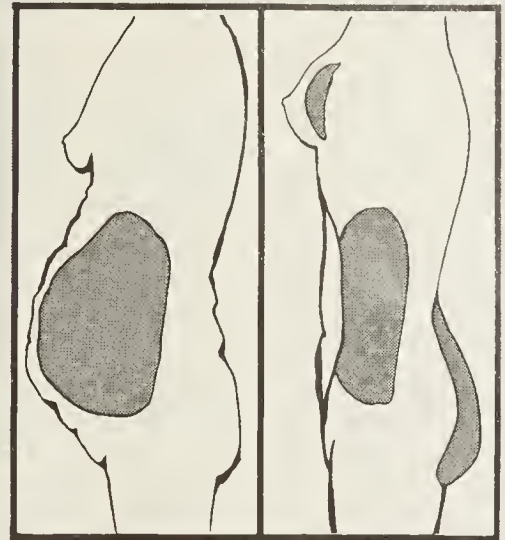


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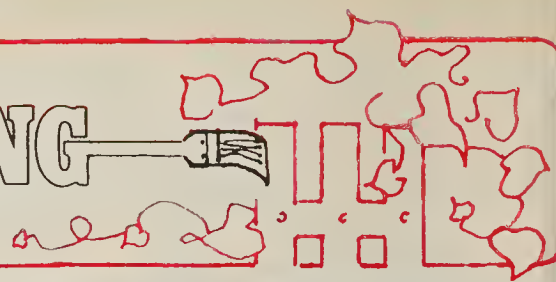
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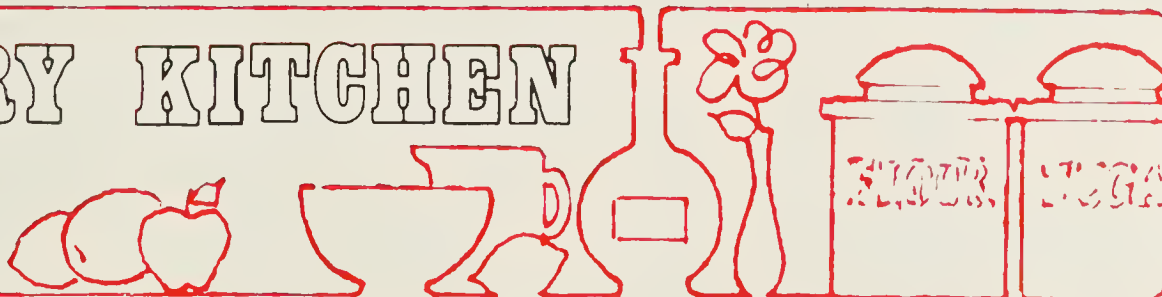
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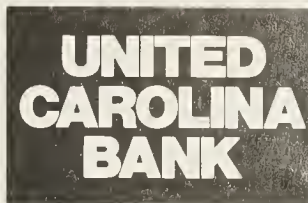
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# Blue Ridge EMC To Mark Golden Anniversary At June 14 Annual Meeting

Special events are planned for the 1986 Annual Meeting of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, June 14, as part of the co-op's observance of its 50th Anniversary this year.

Each EMC consumer-member who turns in a meeting evaluation form to co-op personnel will

receive a Golden Anniversary Cookbook, a new collection of 550 recipes submitted by the Blue Ridge membership.

In addition, the entertainment program will feature a group of retired men and women from Watauga County who perform as the Blue Ridge Ramblers.

"We'll also be giving away five crisp \$50 bills as door prizes to selected members from each of our four districts," said Rachel Smith, the EMC's coordinator of member involvement.

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"We think this will be something of a keepsake and we'll give a copy to everyone who comes to the meeting," she added.

Other events are also being planned to mark the EMC's anniversary through the coming summer and fall.

The co-op was organized on Sept. 19, 1936.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Farthing Auditorium at Appalachian State University in Boone. Registration opens at 8 a.m., with the business session scheduled for 10 a.m.

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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
<b>June</b>			
14	Blue Ridge, Lenoir	Registration: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	Farthing Auditorium, Appalachian State University, Boone
<b>July</b>			
18	Randolph, Asheboro	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Lee J. Stone Stadium, Asheboro

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# HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE


Gardening activities in May reflect the seasonal change. Spring-flowering bulbs are being replaced by summer annuals and many perennials are coming into bloom. Newly set vegetables and annuals will benefit from temporary shade as branches cut from trees and shrubs. If showers are few, water frequently and deeply to encourage the development of deep root systems.

## Weed While Wet

If you weed your garden by hand, a good time to do the job is the day following a shower of rain or after you have soaked the soil with the garden hose. The weeds will come out with much less effort and will not break off at the roots so often.

On the other hand, if you use a hoe or scraper to eliminate weeds, you'll find that an almost dry soil provides the best cutting surface. The weeds will slice off cleanly and will not cling to the weeding implement.

## Dig-Divide Violets



Ever-popular violets with their fragrant blooms are ready to be lifted, divided and reset. Locate violet beds away from azaleas for violets are hosts to the red spider which threatens azaleas.

Violets make a very good ground cover. But, remember that they are best in an area where they can be controlled. Violets spread rapidly once they become established in a planting.

## Give Shade Trees Extra Food

A heavy application and deep placement of fertilizer around trees will partly offset competition for soil nutrients by shade trees and lawn grasses.

Large shade trees need 30 to 40

pounds of fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of soil surface beneath their branches.

In shaded areas, first try shade-tolerant grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass. Fertilize heavily. If they fail, then try a ground cover of vinca, ajuga, English ivy or pachysandra.

## Walk Before You Pave

If you're fortunate to be among those building a new home, it will be worthwhile to study the location of drives and walks before they are installed. Far too many homes have expensive walks and drives that are ill-placed and seldom used. Often, too many walks will cut the yard into a checker-board.

Ground space is wasted space that may be needed for tree, shrub or lawn plantings. Too much paving tends to make a small yard appear even smaller.

## Care Of Spring Bulbs

As the foliage dies down and turns brown, dig your Dutch iris, tulips, narcissus, daffodils and other bulbs. Divide and replant the bulbs immediately or store them in a cool, dry place. These should be replanted in the fall.

It is not necessary to dig and divide every year, but such hardy bulbs should be dug and divided every few years—often enough to keep them from becoming rootbound and "choking" themselves. This is the way to increase your bulb plantings or to share with friends.

## House Plants Can Sunburn

House plants, those potted plants that add much enjoyment to dreary winter months, appreciate a period of time outdoors. They've been growing under low light intensity for some time, so take care that they don't sunscald when carried outdoors. A

hot sun can do damage in a very short time.

Place potted plants in a semi-shaded location such as beneath tall shrubs or shade trees. A spot beneath the pine trees usually is ideal. The sunlight filters through the pine needles so that strong direct rays reach the foliage.

Plants grown in clay pots may be plunged beneath the soil to add moisture to your outdoor summer display. It is not advisable to plunge plants growing in glazed pottery or plastic pots. They're non-porous, preventing the roots from receiving needed moisture and nutrients from surrounding soil.

Check the root system to be sure roots have not become crowded. If the plant has grown in the same container for several years. If roots are crowded, repot into a large pot. You'll want to use a good grade of potting soil.

## Hurry With Vegetables

If you've delayed setting out tender eggplant, sweet and hot pepper plants, set them out now. Also, plant seedlings of cucumber, squash, cantalope, okra, both bush and pole lima beans, snap beans, sweet and roasting ear corn and New Zealand spinach.

Just as in lawn watering, frequent light watering seldom is beneficial in the vegetable garden. Often it can do harm.

During dry spells, soak the ground thoroughly; then water again when the soil is dry. When plants are small, one inch of water per week may be enough. When plants are large with more extensive root system, they may need as much as the top two inches of soil to be moist.

## Spent Flowers

Removing wilting flowers will conserve direct energy used to manufacture seeds into stimulating new growth.



and flower buds. Seed development absorbs the plant of nutrients for new growth. In some instances, it stops growth altogether.

In the geraniums, the removal of the spent flower is accomplished by simply twisting the flower stem at its base. This immediately encourages the next flower bud to form.

Among garden flowers that need pinching and pruning care over the summer are marigolds, zinnias, petunias, geraniums, impatiens, alvias, coleuses, begonias, dahlias and carnations.

### Give Geraniums Full Sun

Geraniums love full light. This includes trailing geraniums that often are used in hanging baskets. If you have some in shady areas, move them out into a sunny spot. This should correct the problem if they have been shy-bloomers.

### Roses

Continue to spray rose bushes every seven to ten days, taking care to get a good coating on leaves to prevent black spot. Your garden center can recommend the best material to use.

### Shrub Care

Azaleas and camellias will benefit from summer mulch applied at this time. Pine needle straw and peat moss will conserve moisture, as will such materials as ground corncobs and ground peanut hulls. Extend the mulch as far as the spread of the branches of the shrub. Apply at a depth of at least two inches. If you should use grass and clover clippings, mix in a fertilizer that is high in nitrogen.

Such early-flowering shrubs as lilac,weigela, flowering quince, spirea, Forsythia and mock orange should be pruned immediately after flowering. These shrubs form their flowerbuds in June and July for next year's bloom. Pruning after that time will destroy a season of flowers. Abelia, crepe myrtle, hybrid tea roses and other shrubs which bloom on new wood may be pruned at any time while plants are dormant.

## House Candidate's Response Omitted From Campaign Issue

The "Campaign '86—The Primary" section of the April *Carolina Country* erroneously reported that a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Second District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives did not respond to the magazine's question regarding the need for federal financing for electric co-ops.

William L. (Bill) Gaster of Durham did provide a response to the question, but it was inadvertently omitted. Here's what he had to say regarding the co-op program:

"I see no reason to change the policies in this area, unless it would be to provide additional growth in those areas highly populated with small farmers—in order) to give co-ops easy access to investment or expansion capital at survival interest rates."

We extend our apologies to Mr. Gaster.

—Editor



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## Do Your Peanuts Need A Breathalyzer Test?

If you thought those salted peanuts you ate the other day had a strange flavor, they just might have been "drunk."

Don't misunderstand; this is no reflection on what you were drinking to chase those goobers. The peanuts could have been in that condition even if you had them along with an innocent Classic Coke, directly from the bottle, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists.

Peanuts containing too much alcohol have become a major concern in agriculture circles because they just don't taste as good as the "sober" ones.

The problem arises when peanuts are exposed to severe cold or heat before they're cured.

Extreme temperatures can upset the peanut's respiration, causing it to produce alcohol and other compounds that give it a bitter flavor, according to Harold E. Pattee, a research chemist at the USDA Market Quality and Handling Research Lab in Raleigh.

The lab is currently testing a device to measure how "drunk" peanuts are—so those with poor flavor can be separated and used for oil or other products.

Until now, Pattee said, taste tests have been used to detect the bitter-tasting peanuts, but the new sensor-meter device handles the job more quickly and accurately.

"It's sort of a breathalyzer test for peanuts," he said. "The meter tells us the level of alcohol and related compounds in peanuts so that the bad-tasting ones can be separated from the good ones."

The meter is being tested in production areas of North Carolina, Texas and Georgia, three of the top four peanut-producing states, but an expanded test is expected to begin in the fall when this year's peanut crop is sold.

If the tests are successful, USDA and the manufacturers of peanut products eventually may be able to use the meter on a commercial basis, said James W. Dickens, an agency agricultural engineer who designed the device.



In the test, about three ounces of peanuts are put in a blender and ground up for 10 seconds. A sensor then detects alcohol vapor given off by the peanuts, just as a smoke detector measures smoke.

The meter can be set to sound when peanuts reach a level of alcohol that indicates unacceptable flavor.

Using the new test, professional taste panels have found that peanuts have an unacceptable flavor if they have a meter reading of 360 or more, Dickens said. That reading means the peanuts contain alcohol and related compounds equivalent to a solution of .021 percent ethyl alcohol and water.

About six percent of the Tar Heel peanut crop this year would be considered "drunk" based on this test, Dickens pointed out.

## Popular Cookbook In Its Second Printing

A cookbook published by the Oakdale Club of Statesville, which was featured in *Carolina Country* last October, is available again now that the book has gone into its second printing.

Mrs. R. A. Lowery Jr., president of the club, said the first printing of 2,000 copies was sold out soon after the magazine feature appeared.

"Unfortunately," she said, "we had to return a few mail orders and check because of the wonderful response to your article."

The 254-page spiral-bound cookbook includes hundreds of recipes submitted by members of the 65-year-old community club. It's still priced at \$8, including postage and handling.

Order copies from Mrs. George B. Weaver, 2736 East Broad Street, Statesville, NC 28677.

## Photo Up For World Title

Three Japanese photographers may have made the world's largest photograph recently when they produced a print showing all 1,284 residents of Okihiro, a small town on Japan's northernmost island.

The townspeople—from new-borns to great-grandparents—were seated on a 400-meter-long bench and photographed simultaneously by 100 cameras.

The bench has been certified by the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's longest, but the photo has not yet been listed by the book.

The photo was taken at the Okihiro Venture Photo Festival by Hiroshi Suga, Yoshio Komatsu and Yasuhiko Miyajima.

A lifesize enlargement of the photo was exhibited outside the town's railroad station and a smaller version was published as a foldout booklet.

—Owen Bisho



# Roanoke Voyages Featured In TV Series

"Roanoke," an ambitious three-part miniseries, tells the story of the early English settlements on North Carolina's coast.

"Roanoke" depicts early contacts between native Americans and Elizabethan explorers during the times of the Roanoke voyages, 1584-1590. This American Playhouse presentation premieres May 26 on the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television Network.

The \$4 million production was filmed in and around Georgetown County, S.C. Bald Head Island, N.C., the location the producers originally

planned to use, was damaged by Hurricane Diana in 1984.

The series depicts relations between the early settlers and the Indians, which began well but eventually soured and resulted in hostility.

All the Indian roles are played by native Americans of the Ojibway tribe in Minnesota, Lumbee tribe in North Carolina and some professional actors from California. They speak the Ojibwa dialect.

The script, five years in the making, is based on the sketches and writings of artist John White. White, one of the original explorers, sailed back to

England, taking Indians Manteo and Wanchese with him. When he returned to the settlements in 1590, he found everyone gone—thus the New World colony became known as The Lost Colony.

After the initial showing, school districts can obtain cassettes of "Roanoke" from the North Carolina Museum of History Associates in Raleigh.

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